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TO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ART OBJECT FROM LIKOM

REF: YAOUNDE 3505 AND PREVIOUS

1. CAMEROONIAN EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED NOTE TO DEPARTMENT:

(A) ASSERTING THAT QUOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND LAWS OF CAMEROON, ITS TRIBAL CUSTOMS AND USAGE, IT IS ILLEGAL AND FORBIDDEN TO REMOVE BY PRIVATE CONSENT, FRAUDULENT MEANS ETC., FROM WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, ANY WORKS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OR SPIRITUAL VALUES OF CAMEROON. END QUOTE.

(B) REQUESTING USG TO ASSIST WITH RETURN OF STATUE AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO MEANS BY WHICH IT CAME TO UNITED STATES.

2. WITH FORMAL REQUEST FROM CAMEROON EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT IS NOW DISCUSSING WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHETHER OR NOT US LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHOULD NOW ATTEMPT TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE STATUE OR IF WE SHOULD WAIT PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS TO PURCHASE THE STATUE FROM FURMAN FOR RETURN TO CAMEROON. THE WOULD-BE PURCHASERS

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ARE TWO ART MUSEUMS AND SEVERAL PRIVATE DONORS. IN DIS-

CUSSIONS WITH JUSTICE WE WILL CONSIDER WHETHER RECOURSE
TO LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AT THIS TIME MIGHT AFFECT
ADVERSELY THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS. LEGAL RECOURSE COULD
RESULT IN DELAY IN RETURN OF STATUE. KISSINGER

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